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- 1. CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. JOHN W. JENRETTE JR. ARRIVED IN TORONTO EVENING MARCH 7 AND RETURNED WASHINGTON MARCH 8 MID-MORNING. CONGRESSMAN ATTENDED MYRTLE BEACH PROMOTION RECEPTION AT WHICH MY WIFE AND I REPRESENTED AMBASSADOR AND MRS. ENDERS. USTS DIRECTOR JARMAN AND ANOTHER CONSULATE OFFICER ALSO PRESENT.
- 2. CONGRESSMAN JENRETTE TOOK TIME AWAY FROM RECEPTION GUESTS TO DISCUSS TWO MATTERS U-CANADAIAN RELATIONS WITH CONGEN OFFICERS:

 A) DURING TRUDEAU WASHINGTON VISIT CONGRESSMAN SEATED BETWEEN MRS. TRUDEAU AND PRIME MINISTER'S FOREIGN RELATIONS ADVISER IVAN HEAD AT WHITE HOUSE DINNER. HAD DEVOTED APPRECIABLE TIME PUSHING FOR ELIMINATION OF US INTERNAL REVENUE TAX LIMITED DEDUCTIBILITY ON FOREIGN CONVENTION TRAVEL (REFTELS A). WE TOLD CONGRESSMAN WE SYMPATHETIC TO CANADAIN REQUESTS AS US MEASURE IS ADVERSELY AFFECTING CONVENTION BUSINESS, PARTICULARLY MONTREAL AND TORONTO, BUT THAT WE UNDERSTAND EXISTINGCANADIAN TAX TREATMENT OF ITS RESIDENTS ATTENDING UNCLASSIFIED

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FOREIGN INCLUDING US CONVENTIONS STRICTER THAN IRS NEW MEASURE (REFTEL B). CONGRESSMAN SAID HE WOULD ASK FOR STAFF WORK ON TAX CONDITIONS BEFORE REPLYING TO HEAD.

B) AFTER CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 7 WITNESS FROM UNITED PARCEL SERVICE (UPS), ON LEARNING CONGRESSMAN COMING TO TORONTO, TOLD HIM UPS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN CANADIAN

OPERATION. WE TOLD CONGRESSMAN THAT UPS WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH TORONTO MUNICIPAL LICENSING BOARD A YEAR AGO BUT THAT WE UNDERSTOOD FROM VERY RECENT INFORMATION SITUATION CORRECTED AND UPS FLOURISHING (REFAIR C). WE OFFERED TO CHECK WITH UPS TORONTO ATTORNEY AND REPORT BUT CONGRESSMAN ASKED US TO DO NOTHING. HE SAID HE WILL ASK CONTACT FOR DETAILS AND GET BACK TO US IF NECESSARY. DIGGINS

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